

What is claimed is:

1. An aqueous dry laminate adhesive composition for artificial leather comprising:

(A) a water-borne polyurethane resin, (B) a crosslinking agent, and (C) a thickener,

wherein said water-borne polyurethane resin (A) has a softening temperature of less than 80°C and a viscosity of the melt at 80°C of less than  $10^5 \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{s}$ , and

5 wherein a softening temperature of a cured product obtained after curing a reaction product between said water-borne polyurethane resin (A) and the crosslinking agent (B) is higher than 120°C.

2. An aqueous dry laminate adhesive composition for artificial leather according to claim 1, wherein said water-borne polyurethane resin (A) has a weight-average molecular weight ranging from 2,000 to 200,000 and has an isocyanate group and two groups containing at least two active hydrogen atoms.

5 3. An aqueous dry laminate adhesive composition for artificial leather according to claim 1, wherein said crosslinking agent (B) is a polyisocyanate-type crosslinking agent.

4. An aqueous dry laminate adhesive composition for artificial leather according to claim 1, wherein said thickener (C) is an association polymer-type surface active agent.

5. An aqueous dry laminate adhesive composition for artificial leather according to

claim 1, wherein the aqueous dry laminate adhesive composition comprises a colorant constituted by water dispersible pigments, whose surface is coated with water dispersible resins.

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6. A method of manufacturing artificial leather comprising the steps of:

forming an adhesive layer by coating said aqueous dry laminate adhesive composition according to claim 1 on a skin layer of the artificial leather formed beforehand on the release paper; and

5 bonding said adhesive layer with a base fabric material of a artificial leather by a dry laminate process.

7. Artificial leather products which are obtained by the manufacturing method according to claim 6.